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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to application file on November 14, 2003. Original application contained Claims 1-5. Applicant submitted a preliminary amendment canceling original Claims and adding new claims 6-25. Therefore, presently claims 6-25 are pending for consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 5-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vu (U. S. Patent 5,623,601).

1. Regarding Claims 1, and 21 Vu teaches and describes secure gateways which serve as firewall between computer networks to inhibit electronic vandalism, furthermore, vu teaches a remotely configurable firewall (Fig.1) comprising:

a firewall comprising at least one virtual host for providing network connectivity between a source and destination of IP-compliant traffic, the at least one virtual host having associated configuration files (Fig.1 col.5 line 13 to col. 6 line 14, and col.7 line 20 to line 34);

a configuration virtual host operatively disposed in said firewall, said host including an HTML-based configuration interface for allowing remote management of configuration files over an IP-compliant connection (col.6 line 14 to line 43, and col.12 line 35 to line 60).

2. Regarding Claims 11, and 16 Vu teaches and describes secure gateways which serve as firewall between computer networks to inhibit electronic vandalism, furthermore, vu teaches an apparatus for remotely configuring a gateway device (Fig.1) comprising:

gateway device means for providing network connectivity between a source and destination of IP-compliant traffic Fig.1 col.5 line 13 to col. 6 line 14, and col.7 line 20 to line 34);

configuration means for configuring said gateway device means; remote management means for remotely managing said configuration means, the remote management means comprising an HTML-based configuration interface for allowing remote management of said configuration means over an IP-compliant connection (col.6 line 14 to line 43, and col.12 line 35 to line 60).

3. Claims 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, and 22-25 are rejected applied as above rejecting Claims 6, 11, 16, and 20. Furthermore, Vu teaches and describes, wherein:

said remote management of said configuration files is only allowed from a specified secure client (col.5line 16 to line 40).

a plurality of virtual hosts may be configured using said configuration virtual host (col.8 line 28 to line 36) .

a remote user is authenticated prior to being granted access to said configuration interface (coll7 line 48 to col.8 line 5) .

said remote management of said configuration files occurs using a Web browser (col.7 line 20 to line 28, and col.18 line 28 to line 44).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Syed Zia whose telephone number is 571-272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "SZ", is written above the date.

April 23, 2006